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SUBJECT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC)

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1. THE SECOND SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION

GROUP FOR THE SOUTHERN OCEANS (SOC-II) OF THE IOC WILL MEET IN BUENOS AIRES FROM 15-20 JULY 1974. FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ATTENDED SOC-I IN 1971: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CHILE, FRANCE, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, SOUTH AFRICA, UK, USA, USSR. ASSUME THAT ALL OF THESE COUNTRIES ARE PLANNING TO SEND DELEGATIONS TO SOC-II, AS IS USG.

2. REMEMBERING POLITICAL CONFLICTS WHICH OCCURED AT EIGHTH ASSEMBLY OF IOC (NOVEMBER 1973), I.E. CHILE/USSR AND SOUTH AFRICA, WOULD APPRECIATE PERM DEL'S EVALUATION OF CHANCES THAT SIMILAR CONFLICTS MAY OCCUR AT SOC-II.

3. FYI INFO ADDEES: ICG/SOC WAS ESTABLISHED BY IOC IN 1967 TO UNDERScore INTER ALIA END UNDERScore DEVELOP MEANS OF COORDINATING OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH IN SOUTHERN OCEANS, TO IDENTIFY GAPS IN PRESENT KNOWLEDGE AND PROGRAMS TO FILL THOSE GAPS, TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE SOUTHERN OCEANS. SOC-I INCONCLUSIVE DUE TO ARGUMENTS OVER BOUNDARIES OF SOUTHERN OCEAN. EIGHTH ASSEMBLY OF IOC INSTRUCTED SOC-II NOT RPT NOT TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF

BOUNDARIES. U.S. WILL BE PRESENTING INFO ON ITS INTERNATIONAL SOUTHERN OCEAN STUDY (ISOS) BEING DEVELOPED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION'S OFFICE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF OCEAN EXPLORATION (IDOE).

4. PARIS: DO YOU SEE ANY POLITICAL CONFLICTS SHAPING UP FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL-IV (17-22 JUNE, OTTAWA)? KISSINGER

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